



President's Message "Exercise"

Now that summer is "officially" over and football season started, Autumn will come in and cool things down, just a little. The sun is setting sooner which kind of puts a damper on some activities, but generally more folks are on the radio, because their late evening activities wind down when the local nets wind up. This is a perfect time to hone your radio communication skills. The 2-meter nets have seen some changes, but it is great to see several AARA members step-up and fill in where needed.

The Acadiana ARES net has a rotating net control now, all slots filled by AARA members, and has expanded its format. Thanks to Mr. Herman KN5GRK, Glen KF5FNP, and Tom W5OHJ for joining me in ensuring the ARES Net did not miss a beat. Join us every Tuesday Night on the ARES net, and remember, you DO NOT need to be an ARES member to check in. ARES check-in totals are reported, so the more participation the better. And of course, check in to as many local nets as you can. Your participation makes the time and effort of calling the nets worth it.

There are also two months left to Hurricane Season 2015, which ends November 30th. We have been blessed to weather the season well so far, with no major storms entering the Gulf of Mexico. Let's pray this trend continues for the remainder of the season, however, we cannot take a mild hurricane season for granted. With no major issues to deal with, we can spend more time preparing for the possibility, and actually have a little fun doing it.

Being Amateur Radio Operators, we have a somewhat unique perspective on these kinds of events. Some of us have stations totally off the grid and as a permanent setup, with battery or solar as power sources. Some of us have constructed portable antennas that are always at the ready in case our QTH antennas are damaged during an event. Some of us have combined the two for a completely portable setup, able to operate anywhere, at any time. And on occasion, some of us get together and operate completely portable for a few hours at a time, to ensure that our equipment works as we intend or need it to. The Louisiana Simulated Emergency Test is much more formal than a few of us working portable, but its purpose is the same, to ensure that our equipment works as we intend or need it to, and learn and use the protocols established for an emergency. Initial figures show that participation by AARA members and local operators was very good.

With anything we allow to sit for a while, it will collect dust or rust, be it a prized possession, a skill, or even health. Evenings should be a little cooler for the jog, bike ride, and yard work, so when you are done, turn that radio on, use your backup power, and check in to a local net. We will see (or hear) you there.

Mark
W5GTI
AARA President

LARC Editor's Message

As editor and publisher of the AARA LARC newsletter over the last ten years, I have made it known that it is time for me to step down and turn the job over to someone else.

At the September AARA General Meeting, I publicly made it known that the December 2015 issue will be my last issue. Mark Saltzman W5GTI, AARA President agreed to take over until a permanent replacement can be found.

I will continue getting the "hard copies" in the postal mail and making sure those on my e-mail reflector continue receiving them.

It has been a lot of fun over the last ten years but requires a lot of hard work and my health is getting in my way, and I can not continue as Editor.

I want to express my thanks to Silent Key Al Oubre K5DPG for asking me to take on the job ten years ago, I learned very much from him.

After the December issue, I plan to put all ten years of the LARC on CD's in Microsoft Publisher and Adobe PDF format to make available to anyone wanting them for a nominal fee. Binders with hard copies of the LARC from 2006 thru 2015 are now in the club library at the Red Cross building.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK
LARC Editor

AARA General Meeting

**Thursday October 2, 2015 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA. There will be another EMCOMM Meeting @ 6:00 prior to the General Meeting
VE Testing at 6:00 PM**

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

October 1, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
 Red Cross Building
 101 N. Pat St. Scott, LA
VE Testing Tonight @ 6:00 PM

AREA HAMFESTS

No Hamfest Listed for Louisiana

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA
 NCS Needed

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
 145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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Neelis "Butch" Hanks K5GLD Silent Key

Funeral Services was held for Neelis C. "Butch", Hanks, 74 at 11:00AM on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at Duhon Funeral Home Chapel-Crowley, LA with Sister Patricia Malcomb officiating. Mr. Hanks passed away on Sunday, September 6, 2015 at Acadia General Hospital in Crowley, LA.

Butch was a "Ham Operator", K5GLD, in his early years and into adulthood; loved fishing and hunting; was employed by K5SIG as a Disc Jockey as well as KATC Channel 3 where he was a Video Engineer and was a longtime member of the Acadiana Amateur Association, Inc., attended the AARA Hamfest each year and was a regular check-in on the Gulf Coast Sideband Net.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Barbara Larive Hanks of Crowley, LA; sons, Shannon Hanks and his wife, Denise of Mire, LA, Dwayne Hanks and his wife, Lorri of Crowley, LA, Marcus Hanks and his wife, Tracy of Crowley, LA; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Hanks was preceded in death by his parents, Calliste Hanks and Olive Duplantis Hanks; brothers, Wiltz Hanks K5ABD, Newel Hanks and Nayman Hanks and one sister, Joycelyn Hanks Broussard.

Butch will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Is amateur radio only a hobby and nothing else?

Many amateurs believe that amateur radio is just a hobby and nothing else, and its prime purpose is to make many DX contacts on HF and to collect QSL cards, so why do you need to write an entrance exam for a hobby?

But in reality it is more than a hobby as it also provides a service to the public during disasters via Hamnet, or radio communications during public sports events.

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) is the international guardian of amateur radio and liaises directly with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), as well as to innovate and advance amateur radio - and it is sponsored by amateur radio societies around the world including the SARL.

The real facts are that the amateur radio service covers a large range of activities where every amateur can find some aspect of it to enjoy, which also includes experimenting, research and pioneering in the very wide field of amateur radio science and technology all the way to the top end of the microwave spectrum. This is why the ITU refers to amateur radio as a service and not as a hobby as exemplified by CB Radio.

Do you think for one moment that the ITU would have allocated so many VHF, UHF, SHF and EHF bands of valuable radio spectrum to hobbyists?

Reprinted from Southgate Amateur Radio News

Bodie Memorial DX Net

The Bodie Memorial DX Net held on the 145.410 repeater in Lydia, LA each Wednesday night at 7:00 PM was in for a big surprise on Wednesday September 23, 2015.

Ramona Jobe KG5HNO picked up the net as Net Control to fill in for Ray Arceneau N5LRZ who normally calls this net but has been absent for medical reasons. This was the first time for her to call a net and she did a great job.

OK Girls - now is the time for you to get in on this "social net" and talk on any subject that the FCC allows.

We are hoping Ray has a speedy recovery and continue calling the net. In the meantime, Ramona has volunteered to be Net Manager and NCS for this net until Ray Returns.

THANKS RAMONA!

September AARA General Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2015

The AARA general meeting was called to order by President Mark Saltzman, W5GTI. Mark Saltzman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Herman Campbell, KN5GRK, led the prayer.

Minutes:

The August meeting minutes were submitted by Abbi Wilson, KF5BEW, and were published in the September LARC. The minutes were accepted on motion of Jackie Wallace, KF5PCH and seconded by Herman Campbell, KN5GRK.

Treasurer's Report:

While the financial report is not published in the LARC, any member may contact the treasurer, Archie Hill, W5AG, for a copy of the report. Archie presented the financial report to the membership and Tom Dischler, W5OHJ, made a motion to accept the report with Priscilla Cooley, KG5GKJ, providing a second. The report was passed as read.

Mark Saltzman requested the agenda order be rearranged in order to move the presentations to the middle of the meeting to accommodate those who are slated to give presentations ample time to present. All agreed to the change and Galen Wilson, KF5BET was then introduced for the presentation. Galen gave a presentation on Dayton Hamvention that he, Abbi, KF5BEW and Kendra, KF5FYS attended back in May.

Old Business:

An Advance SKYWARN class was held at the Red Cross Building last month. Attendance was very good and the class was taped for members that were not able to attend. There was discussion about posting the video on the internet so that it could be viewed by anyone. This will be looked into further. The certificates for the class will be forwarded to those who were in attendance, once they have been emailed to Mark W5GTI. Ed Roy, WA5TNK, was contacted to find out when these certificates would be available.

Glen Thibodeaux, KF5FNP, gave a report on the status of the 440 repeater. The repeater is still at Yaesu and in the process of being upgraded at this time. Glen was told there is a backorder on the upgraded repeaters and that is what the hold up is. At this time, we do not know when the repeater will be sent back to us.

Work on the Red Cross building is continuing. Glen Thibodeaux gave an update on the improvements. CAT 5 cabling has been run to each workstation in the large room (where VE testing is done). Power has also been run to each station. A flat screen TV has been installed on the wall. General cleanup is ongoing. Mark Saltzman and Dave Redfean, N4ELM, were able to start the generator located in the storage area.

Kris Wotipka, KD5QYV, climbed the tower and installed a new 2m fiberglass whip and coax. A 80/40m fan dipole was hung in the trees along the back of the property and new coax was run into the building to the radio station. There is quite a bit of RF from the broadcast radio antennas located in the field behind the building, so that will need to be addressed. Tom Dischler W5OHJ and Danny Daigle, KD5JSM, replaced damaged ceiling tiles. Light bulbs have been replaced. A new rope on the flagpole was installed. And a new backplash in the kitchen has been installed. Glen is interested in doing more activities at the Red Cross building other than meetings. We now have a radio station the can be used and a class room to utilize. Mark thanked all those who have helped with the repairs on the building.

The club was given a Hustler vertical antenna from the Lafayette EOC. Once this antenna is repaired, it will be installed at the Red Cross building.

The club logo and QSL card improvements/changes were discussed. It was decided to go ahead and change both items to one of the submissions that was turned in. Bob Cooley, K5IVR, made a motion to change the logo and Tom Dischler, W5OHJ, seconded. The motion was passed. Ramona Jobe, KG5HNO, made a motion to change the QSL card to one that was submitted. Jacke Wallace, KF5PCH, seconded the motion. Motion was passed. The club will vote on the Logo and QSL card during the general meeting in October.

New Business:

This year during the Tour-du-Teche, the club will also be hosting a special events station for those wishing to operate from one of the checkpoints. Herman has made a QSL card for the event, and anyone participating in the event will use the W5DDL call sign. Participants will need to provide a station with all of the needed equipment and will be required to keep a log of the contacts, so we have good records of those who contacted us during the special events. The dates for the special event are October 2, 3 and 4. The event will have to be spread via word of mouth this year since we missed the deadline to advertise in QST magazine. If the event is successful, the club may want to make this a yearly event. Mark will provide those operating with a copy of the club license to keep everything legal.

Herman Campbell, KN5GRK, announced that he will be retiring as the LARC newsletter editor at the end of the year. Herman has been the editor for the last ten years and would like to give someone else the chance to hold the position. Mark stated he will take over the position.

The board met before the general meeting and decided to auction off the 40m beam. This beam is more of a permanent type antenna and is too big and cumbersome for portable operation which is the main operating mode for the club. The beam does have a few issues, but nothing that cannot be repaired. New, this beam sells for \$800.00. The board decided to auction the beam off at the October general meeting with a starting bid of \$200.00. Proxy bids will be allowed.

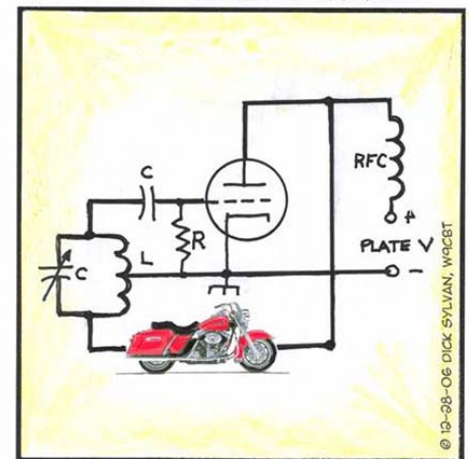
A simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be conducted later this month. The scenario has not been determined at this point. The members are encouraged to use this exercise to test their gear and emergency equipment so that they can be prepared in the case of an actual emergency. The SET will operate on both HF and VHF/UHF frequencies. More information will be emailed to the members as plans are finalized.

A club library is in the process of being formalized. At this time, Herman has compiled the last ten years of the LARC onto a DVD along with hard copies in binders donated to the club to form the foundation of the library. If you or someone you know has technical material that you would like to donate to the library, please let one of the officers of the club know. We are not looking for periodicals (QST, CQ, etc). What we are looking for are technical documents, resource manuals, books and articles.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Tom Dischler, W5OHJ, and seconded by Bob Cooley, K5IVR motion was approved. There were 24 members present and 2 visitors.

Submitted by:
Abbi Wilson, KF5BEW
AARA Secretary

HAM QUIPS BY DICK SYLVAN WACBT



HARLEY OSCILLATOR CIRCUIT

AARA September 3, 2015 Board Meeting

Club Inventory

The rotator controller is missing from the Antenna Trailer. It will need to be located and put back on the trailer.

Mark will update the inventory list and send the updated list to the Secretary.

40m Antenna

The 40 meter antenna is a Hy-Gain DIS 72. The club no longer uses this antenna, so it was decided to offer it up to the club for auction. The starting price for the antenna was set at \$200.00 (this antenna sells new for \$799.95). This antenna does need some minor work. Mark will Announce the auction at tonight's general meeting with the actual auction occurring at the October meeting. Mark will email the details of the antenna and will allow proxy bidding if a member cannot be present. If there is no interest, the sale of the beam will be put on the email reflector.

Pending Amos Sale

After some discussion, it was noted that if Amos did not sell in the next two weeks, it would be advertised on the reflector with a starting bid of \$1500.00

Club Donation

A club member has offered to donate a FT-990 radio to the club to which the club would provide a tax exemption letter. The radio does need repair and it would be up to the club to make said repairs. The value of the radio was given as \$1000.00. This would bring the total number of radios to four. The radio would not be allowed to leave the club inventory. Discussion on the matter took place and at this time the donation will not be accepted due to the fact there is no repair estimate and the club would not be able to dispose of the radio if needed.

Children's Museum

Discussions with Nick Pugh concerning the radio room has led to the decision to remove the radios from the museum and relocate them to the Lafayette Science Museum. There was concern that by removing the radios, the club would lose its "special

service" title. Tom Dischler stated this would not be the case since the club does various service activities throughout the year (Tour-du-Teche, Cajun Cup, etc.).

Paul already has a station setup at the science museum. Nick stated the kids at the Children's museum are a little too young to fully understand the concepts of radio and that the display is underutilized at this time. There was discussion on who owned what equipment. Nick owns the radio, but not sure who owns the rest. Nick and Paul along with board members will need to meet and discuss the best way to transition the station to the Science Museum.

Club Station

The club station located at the Red Cross building is coming together. Glen stated the antennas are now up and the radios have been tested and put on the air. The club was given a vertical antenna for 10m-30m which will need some repair before it can be put into service. A club day is tentatively scheduled for one Saturday a month for people to come operate the station. Larry asked about liability insurance from both the club and Red Cross and who would be responsible party for any claim. Any function held at the Red Cross building must be considered a club activity for liability reasons.

Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

A Simulated Emergency Test will be conducted on September 26th. At this time, there will be operators located in Lafayette, Vermilion and Acadia parishes. There will be a concerted effort to work in conjunction with the EOC's in each parish during the exercise. Mark will be located at the Lafayette EOC and will take check-ins and traffic from the other EOC's as well as individuals around these parishes. Communications will utilize various bands and modes to pass information.

Abbi Wilson KF5BEW
AARA Secretary

2015 SET Test

The Louisiana 2015 Simulated Emergency Test took place on September 26 kicking off at 1400 UTC (0900 Central). The scenario this year being a massive computer cyber hack, shutting down most city infrastructure i.e., commercial power, gas, internet and businesses that depend on computer connections (remember Y2K?).

The Acadiana area had 28 VHF check-ins on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater and 147.420 simplex with Mark W5GTI as net control.

Statewide frequencies were 3.910 MHz and 7.285 MHz for voice communications with 3.596 and 7.044 MHz for digital communications.

Acadiana served agency area amateur operators were as follows:

Lafayette Parish Courthouse EOC:

Mark W5GTI, Ed WA5TNK

Acadia Parish Courthouse

Tom W5OHJ, Bob KG5AYK, Eric KG5JHP, Paula KF5CNS

Vermilion Parish Courthouse:

Glen KF5FNP

Iberia Parish Courthouse:

Paul AE5JU

Vermilion Hospital

Chad KG5AYJ, Sam KG5AYI

Lafayette General Hospital:

Jennifer N5CRR

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital:

Terry N5QWA

Salvation Army:

Herman KN5GRK

Other area amateur radio operators taking part in this exercise were:

Galen KF5BET, John KG5FNP, Derek WM5TS, Larry KE5KJD, Sandy KE5KJF, Robert KG5HYK, David KG5JHR, Arnold KE5JXC, Charlie N5WE, Bob K5IVR, Priscilla KG5GKJ, Ramona KG5HNO, Steve KF5VH, James KG5CNU, Ric KF5KEL and Kirk KE5UZZ.



Photos from Simulated Emergency Test (Go-Kit Operation)

↩ Acadia Parish Courthouse

Bob KG5AYK, Tom W5OHJ, Eric KG5JHP & Paula KF5CNS

Vermilion Parish Courthouse ➡

Glen KF5FNP & Sam KG5AYI





Tour du Teche 135 Canoe Race

Tour du Teche 135 is an annual race for canoes, kayaks, pirogues (the traditional Cajun canoe), and SUP's along the entire length of Bayou Teche in southwestern Louisiana, a total of 135 miles including small sections of Bayou Courtableau and the Atchafalaya River. It's a three-day staged race beginning this year on Friday October 2 thru Sunday October 4, 2015.

There are two classes of Tour du Teche 135: Pro Race, in which some of the fastest boats and paddlers from around the world vie for cash prizes; and Voyageur Race, or recreational, where the participants challenge themselves as well as each other for trophies, bragging rights and adventure. Voyageurs may opt for shorter races held in conjunction with Tour du Teche 135.

Tour du Teche 135 was begun in 2010 with the dual purpose of introducing the beautiful Teche Country to paddlers and other eco-tourists from beyond and to illustrate for its residents the recreational, aesthetic, cultural and economic value of Bayou Teche. Since the race's inception, these two groups, visitors and local folk, have met and mingled in happy expositions of music and cuisine that give Tour du Teche 135 it's reputation as moveable party as well as a tough series of paddle marathons.

Update:

Members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association Inc. (AARA) and Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS) will be handling amateur radio communications along the 135 mile canoe race.

The checkpoints are the same as last year with one exception. The Breaux Bridge checkpoint has been moved to Poche Bridge, which has a local restaurant on the bayou. We have commitments from most participants from last year, and we thank you for that. We are waiting for a volunteer for the Arnaudville checkpoint to complete the roster. Another addition to the races is an extended canoe race starting in Shreveport. This group of hardy paddlers have their task cut out for them.

The use of a mobile command center will be repeated this year, since it was successful last year. The computer data entry station and the marine radios as well as the ham radio station are co-located in the trailer. It will be moving to race ending points during the race. Those checkpoints where the trailer is located will be able to turn in their results directly. The trailer has a permanent vertical VHF antenna installed which was adequate for most checkpoints. The Franklin checkpoint on the bayou is several feet below grade and may require a higher antenna, depending on propagation. The trailer also has internet access and a phone connection.

"This year the BEARS club will again man the Command Center in Berwick for the end of the race. Jaclyn Price indicated that they will also man a forward post on Buchanan Point directly opposite where the paddlers enter the home leg at the finish line. That will give advance notice to the announcers at the finish line. Thanks again to the BEARS club."

Sandy LeBlanc, KE5KJF is coordinating the event again this year and will have last minute assignments and other information ready for our next meeting. Ray Pellerin, the overall coordinator and organizer for the event has done a superb job on the trailer! If you want to view the checkpoints, visit the web site at:

<http://www.tourduteche.com/index.php/fine-print/maps>

You can use Google maps to see each location along the bayou. All volunteers, have fun and be safe.

Don't forget the mosquito repellent!

Tour du Teche Special Event Station

A special event station will be running during the three days of the **Tour du Teche Canoe Race**. This is a 135 mile race from Port Barre, Louisiana to Berwick, Louisiana along the Bayou Teche River commencing on Friday October 2nd 1400 UTC thru Sunday October 4th 2300 UTC, 2015.

We will be using the call "W5DDL" and operating on the 80-40-20 meter bands.

QSL info: <http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>

A SASE card will get you a nice **Tour du Teche** QSL card. Send it to QSL Manager:

Roland Guidry NA5Q
701 South Arenas Street
Rayne, LA 70578
USA

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Tour Du Teche HF Special Event

This will be our first attempt to cover the Tour Du Teche as an HF Special Event along with our current VHF support we provide each year. The initial idea is to provide AARA club members who will not be “working” the event, an activity to participate and commemorate the race, hence the Special Event. Because the race uses various checkpoints and destinations throughout, the “non-fixed” operation presents some challenges, but we can overcome them. The Special event is open to all AARA members who wish to participate.

The first challenge is not having a central location to commemorate the race. With various checkpoints, we have several locations. The second challenge is to make the HF event as enjoyable as possible for participants, considering the first challenge. This is intended to be a PORTABLE operation, so having portable HF gear is a must, either from yourself or another operator. To address these challenges, I propose the following:

- All participants in the HF Special Event will use the W5DDL callsign and maintain a log (paper or digital) for QSL's. Portable HF equipment will be necessary. Bring your radio, your antenna, and your power.
- The HF Special Event will commence at the same time as the start of the race on Friday and end at the end of the race on Sunday. Operation for the entire time is NOT required, it only provides a time window of operating.
- Any member, or group of members, can pick any checkpoint and operate from that checkpoint. Once your checkpoint is clear of any boats, you can remain at that checkpoint, QRT at that checkpoint, or continue to the next checkpoint and operate there. Multiple stations at a single checkpoint can coordinate which bands are operated.
- Any member who is providing VHF support to the race can participate in the HF event as long as it does not interfere with your VHF duties. This will allow VHF stations to participate with HF during the gaps between boats at the checkpoints, especially if more than one member is providing VHF support at that checkpoint.
- The activity is intended to be a Special Event, which usually takes place at the sight of the event being commemorated. Portable operation is highly encouraged. If you wish to participate, but cannot for whatever reason, contact me, we might be able to work something out.

Tour du Teche event summary and QSL information should be announced during your contacts, with directions to the AARA and Tour Du Teche websites. I look forward to a successful AARA Special Event.

QSL Information can be found at:
<http://www.w5ddl/clubsite/>

Mark
W5GTI

How to Obtain an Official FCC License Copy

The FCC went paperless in February 2015. In order to streamline procedures and save money, the FCC stopped routinely printing and mailing licenses.



There are a number of ways a license holder can obtain an official FCC copy of their license. The official license will display the FCC logo and the watermark "Official Copy" will be printed across each page of an official authorization from FCC. Please note that FCC stopped using distinctive paper stock to produce hard copy licenses and has been printing these on “standard, white recycled paper.” The Bureau noted that the distinctive paper stock it had used was six times more expensive than the plain recycled paper it now uses.

Go to the following link and follow instructions.
<http://www.arrl.org/obtain-license-copy>

September VE Test Session

Candidates:

Jeff Trahan, KG5IRI of Lafayette, LA upgraded to General.

Michael McCann Jr. of Carenco, LA upgraded to General and received the call KG5ASE

The following became Technicians:

Eric Credeur of Lafayette, LA received the call KG5JHP.

Whitney LaBiche of Jeanette, LA received the call KG5JHQ.

David McCutchen of Lafayette, LA received the call KG5JHR.

Pretty good night, 5 in and 5 smiling faces going out.

73, de GREG ~ K5LFT

Test session VE's

Greg~K5LFT, Ric~KF5KEL, & Galen~KF5BET.



SEPTEMBER 2015 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	3	35	Ø	112	W5GTI Mark
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	Net Control Operator Needed				
Acadiana ARES Net	4	39	Ø	109	KN5GRK Herman
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	3	20	Ø	64	KN5GRK Herman
Youth Thursday Night Net	4	53	Ø	136	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

Compassion is language the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

~Mark Twain~

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI, the net control station, for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. Here is the October 2015 schedule:

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
October 5	7:00 PM	145.410 W5DDL/R	NONE
October 12	7:00 PM	145.370 KF5VH	103.5
October 19	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5
October 26	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area in Lafayette Parish as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The October 2015 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news.htm>

Notice: Mark W5GTI announced again that he would continue the AARA Monday Night Net contest for 2015.

The top 10 check-ins on the Monday Night AAARA Net during 2015 will get their call/name entered into a drawing and a winner from the top 10 check-ins will receive a Chinese import dual band handi-talkie paid for by Mark W5GTI. **HOW ABOUT THAT?** So be sure to check into the net and thanks to Mark in keeping the net active.



10-10 Sprint QSO Party October 10, 2015

All Technician and above are invited to get on ten meters during this contest. It is a good way to make some DX contacts on all modes on ten meters on frequencies of 28.300 MHz to 28.500 MHz.

Make ten contacts with other 10-10 numbers, fill out log and mail in with a small membership fee and get your own 10-10 membership and number. Can a "new" ham find a better way to have fun by making DX contacts and meeting new friends? <http://www.ten-ten.org>

AARA



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

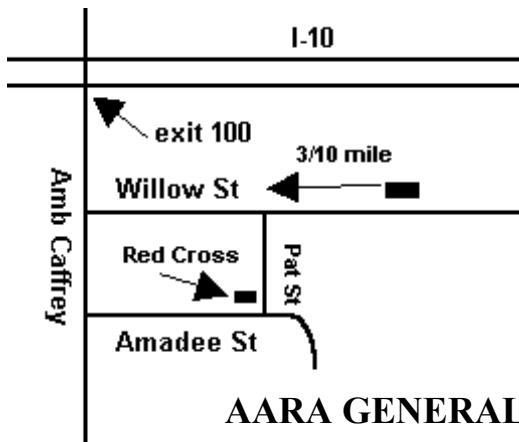
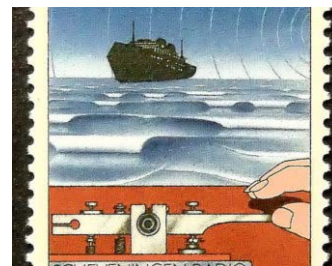
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10/4	GREG	K5LFT
10/5	TOM	W50HJ
10/10	HERMAN	KN5GRK
10/10	CHRIS	KG5HNP
10/13	LEE	KX5J
10/17	KENDRA	KF5FYS
10/18	DEREK	WM5TS
10/18	JAMES	KG5CNU
10/23	ROLLAND	KC5MLA
10/27	LARRY	KE5KJD
11/01	JOANN	KE5RPI
11/03	JENNIFER	N5CRR
11/07	LINDA	KA9TWO

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

**WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE FOR HAM
RADIO LATELY?**

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday October 1, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St. Scott, LA

VE Testing Tonight @ 6:00 PM

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE



Best Ever Dr. Pepper Pulled Pork

<http://sweetandsimpleliving.com/>

Ingredients:

3-4 pounds Pork Lion Roast
Pork Rub or favorite seasoning

12 Oz. Dr. Pepper
Barbecue Sauce (to taste)

Instructions:

Season the pork roast with your seasonings or rub on all sides.
Place roast in the slow cooker.
Pour in the Dr Pepper.
Cook on low for 10-12 hours.
Drain most of the liquid and use tongs to shred the pork.
Add barbecue sauce to taste (I use a whole bottle)
Stir well and reduce temp to warm for serving.
Serve on buns with coleslaw on the sandwich or on the side (optional).



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245